

Palo Alto, California
October 9, 1964

Mr. Roger Fisher
c/o Douglass Cater, Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Roger:

As I promised in our telephone conversation October 9, attached is a draft letter which might prove useful as a basis for reply to Dr. Lederberg.

The letter attempts to (1) be encouraging regarding probable Presidential interest, (2) pull us back gracefully from a crash conference effort designed to assure public Presidential support during this period, and (3) give a mild White House prod to the federal agencies to see this effort through to the next definitive stage of decision and action.

I offer this draft - not that I write better - but because I know you're all a damn-sight busier right now than I am!

In order that the letter provide some leverage, may I suggest that Art Barber be furnished a copy and that he be free to pass it on appropriately within the Executive Branch.

Thanks for the consideration you've shown -- we are genuinely encouraged by this progress even though we were Johnny-come-lately for Presidential action in California at this time.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Hansen

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